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SECRETARY OF CORN BELT FEDERATION ON FARM RELIEF

The Situation in Washington an Analysis of Conditions Affecting states are nearly one hundred and fifty electoral votes, quite enough to provide a balance of power as be-

(By A. W. Ricker, Secretary Corn Belt Federation of Farm Organ-

lation which the far morganizations do not want, and in favor of legislation which we do want, it was agreed last spring by the farm organiza-tions supporting the McNary-Haugen BiBll that a meeting should be called for Washington, D. C., on November 28th. To this meeting were invited the Legislative Committee of the Corn Belt Federation, the Committee of 22, and the heads of the cotton, tobacco, and rice organizations New York, or Barclay of Kentucky

ton, tobacco, and rice organizations of the south.

This meeting came shortly on the heels of the Corn Belt meeting at Des Moines, the National Convention of the Farmers Union, and the eve of the Farm Bureau National Convention at Chicago. These latter meetings made the conditions bad for a Washington conference because our folks here in the west are worn out with conventions and worn down in finances by convention expenses. In view of this situation the writer was urged to go to Washington as the representative of the Federation together with C. N. Croes of South Dakota. It is a long and expensive trip, to Washington one.

Washington this winter of the actual farm organization heads of all the states combined.

modity marketing organizations for the purpose of marketing staple crops, especially cotton.

fairs of the farm organizations with a controlling decision as to what should and should not be done. Under the jurisdiction of such a board, the question of what organizations would be recognized and what organizations would not be recognized would be decided on the pleasure or displeasure of the board. There would be great opportunity for favoritism and political fence building. As we see it, such a board with its program of money doles would be a positive menace to the institutions which the farmers have built and are now managing successfully. There is no thought in such a program of theirs, of making the tariff effective on farm products or of establishing a domestic price for agriculture, such as is now enjoyed by industry, finance, the railroads, and labor.

The lure of money handed out by the government has caught the fancy, to use a soft word, of some of the state cotton exchanges, but it has not deceived or lured the rice or tobacco men. The plan has been rejected by the best of the wheat growers, and it offers nothing at all to the corn and meat belt farmers of the Mississippi Valley. The Political Consideration

Republican party. lican party should be one who is known to favor the McNary-Haugen

Bill type of agricultural legislation, failure to enact a farm relief meas- will ever get ours. ure will strengthen the candidacy of such nominee. 2nd. If, on the other hand, the nominee of the Republican party wrestling with their interest and

There are enough Progressive Republican Senators plus the Demo- these states were determined to gations.)

Anticipating that a hard fight would have to be made in the 70th Congress both to prevent the passage of so-called farm relief legisage of so-called farm relief legisage. writer in most positive terms of their intention to stand like a stone wall against the adoption of the administration program.

Democrats Hold Balance of Power The accision, therefore, lies in the hands of the Democratic Senators, and here there is some uncertainty. There is no doubt what Democratic Senators like Wheeler of Montana,

eration together with C. N. Croes of South Dakota. It is a long and expensive trip to Washington, one which a busy man hesitates to take whatever the allurements of Washington contacts may be.

It is a necessary duty, however, and in this connection we want to say that we need the presence in Washington this winter of the actual farm organization heads of all the

groups affiliated with the Federation. No one may question or will question the authority of such men to speak for organized agriculture. We must also raise funds for this work.

The Washington Situation

states combined.

Here again the possibilities of passing the bill lie with the Democrats. If the western Republicans and southern Democrats stand together, it will be up to the forces arrayed behind Al Smith in the east to decide whether or not the form

and fight for principles and for can-

who, if nominated and elected, will into practical operation. There are Democrats who, if elected to the

see to it that farmers are sent as delegates to the Republican National Convention. And these delegates of ours should not be merely farmers, but the type of farmers who belong to real farm organizations, and who know a sheep from a goat, or a wolf perhaps would be the better name. If we are not powerful enough to nominate a Republican Presidential candidate who is committed both by his past performances and present pledges to a real program for agriculture, then we should be courageous enough to say to the reactionary Republican bosses, "Very well, you have nominated your man, but he will not get our votes." Until we are ready to do that, we will not impress the now control the Republican party,

with our sincerity and common sense. a farming class determined to have 1st. If the nominee of the Repub- what belongs to us regardless of its theirs, and that's the only way we

> The Cross Roads Opinion It is time to count noses out at the cross roads where the farmers are

that will let the world know we :: Neighborhood Notes :: mean it. There are enough farmers in the There are enough farmers in the states of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri, Kentucky, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana and Minnesota to determine the electoral vote of each of these states. And in these

A FARMERS UNION PEDDLER
Monday, November the 28th, Judge Crall of Erie started me out with two carload orders, one for a car of K. F. U. feed and one for a car of cotton seed another. The Judge has a product of the control of the c seed products. The Judge has a won-

tween the two major parties.

If the Republican leaders knew for a certainty that the farmers of derful business down at Erie.

Drove up to Leroy, and although
Mr. Moore had bought a car of cotton much but delivered nothing, there would be action at Washington before Christmas.

Things To Do

There is much that we can do immediately to show that we understand the farmers, and believe me, he ard from.

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Iowa. Kansas has also ordered two of course that queered the deal. I thousand. Letters are out now urging each of the thirty-seven organizations affiliated with the Corn Belt Federation to do likewise.

A million farmers should put their names on these lists, and their hands in their neckets if only permiss he are consideration. Instanother discontinuous discontinuous discontinuous description. Instanother discontinuous description are consideration.

in their pockets, if only pennies be any consideration. Just another disthe measure of their contribution. Thousands of meetings should be held, resolutions passed, copies given that you are watching the fight and cheering them on. If your representatives are wavering, a message from

who will go into these conventions John A. Cunningham of Dubuque, Ia. that it would be possible to frame an have authority to mess into the afapproval of the administration. I felt that way after talking to Mr. Jardine then make a sincere and effective effort to see that the measure is put ed you to go to Washington to help possible to get a measure of this kind. I feel justified in saying now that the Our job here in the west where we are Republicans by habit is to farmers. While I realize there are many other conditions to be corrected -that are vital and important-it seems to me that the battle in the coming congress will again be the McNary-Haugen bill, or some measure which embodies the fundamental principles of it. I believe that all of our manner in which the Board shall be industrial barons of this nation, who worthless as far as agriculture is con-

Committee have unanimously endorsed the fundamental principles of the McNary-Haugen bill should be very carefuly considered by Senators Nye, Shireteed News and Corn Belt owes nere. I will not tell you this man's name, but he drives a blue will soon get into action in that munity, under very competent be ship, and some time I may ret to help me. I will need help. would be made sure for the consideration and passage of other important

and equitable measures. Very sincerely yours, (Signed) Milo Reno, President.

Mr. Thomas B. Dunn, manager of the National Association of Certified hol out of the radiator. If this alcothe National Association of Certified hol out of the radiator. If this alcoProduce A sociation which a
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five thousand pounds of twine in car for Lost Springs. Mr. Powell of Burdick also took six thousand pounds of twine in this car.

Mr. David Thomas of Irns as per usual needed some Farmers Union goods, and gave me an order for a car of coal and a car of twine. This finished up my week and I drove down to Winfield for Sunday.

A. M. Kinney.

The only chance to obtain immediate tor Curtis secured the gloption of relief in an emergency, he supported a marketing bill of his own, carrying gation.

The prices of farm products have not only fallen but farm lands have approved, had it passed.

A. M. Kinney.

Called on Mr. Hauffler at Vassar, and had a good visit with him. Mr. Hauffler was a charter member of to your local papers, and other copies mailed to your Senators, and the Congressmen of your district. If these representatives are fighting for you, they will fight better knowing that you are watching the fight and discovered it, so went on to Over-brook. Mr. Tom Hupp is one of the busiest managers I know of. He was better soon.

busiest managers I know of. He was alone and taking in kaffir, wheat and corn, and it was keeping him busy. However, he took time to buy a car of K. F. U. feed.

At Pickley IV. over in the ranks of the enemy currying favor from the administration, at Richland I had a good visit with let them know that YOU are on the job, and that YOU and your wife control two perfectly good votes that are not mortgaged to any political party or candidate.

MILO RENO WRITES SENATOR

MILO RENO W

and then to the other. Finally, on a lif we buy together and sell together stated that it was not the intention to long kill shout a mile from Barrier it. long hill about a mile from Paxico, it we will win together. H. E. Witham. seemed determined to head into the right angles to the road with the bumper against the bank and the bumper against the bumper against the bank and the bumper against the bank again again the b nine miles southwest of Wakeeney. wasn't it? After awhile a car came along and offered to help me, but I told him the only way he could help was to try and get some one with a nair of mula to make the prepared speech, and nop- tor.)

With the exception of the drastic meet the present emergency. It was deflation which began in 1919, and the purpose of this bill (Curtis-Aswhile a car came along and offered to help me, but I got the attention, alright, but for- told him the only way he could help was to try and get some one with a nair of mulas to mull me out. This I approached that chair with a visc of wheat during the way was to rough the control of the purpose of this bill (Curtis-Aswell) agreement of the marketing of farm the purpose of this bill (Curtis-Aswell) agreement of the purpose of this purpose of this purpose of this purpose of the purpose of this purpose the purpose of this purpose of thi pair of mules to pull me out. This I approached that chair with y ushed did. And Mr. Sheets, a regular ual grace and charm, and sat down fellow and a Farmers Union man, with what was calculated to be heavy for wheat was selling for about \$3.00 emasculation of this bill. The equalicated and and hooking a chain to and impressive dignity. It was too a bushel in wheat exchanges about the Pontiac's right hind leg, gave it a yank and there we were in the middle of the road again. You know down Reing a deep arm chair the time is replace we a subsidy for the farmer and the farmer absorbing his own loss in the exportable surplus. The other is the manner in which the Board shall be mule, it had its fling and was satis- held me i.. place. I saw at once that against, and several amendments to

ponent of real farm legislation just agree with you in your position on because that opponent happens to be against the problems and I heartily is best to relate or not, but I am gonote the wheat producers of the protect the wheat producers of the protect the wheat producers of the During my speech the crowd laughter than the protect the wheat producers of the During my speech the crowd laughter than the protect the wheat producers of the Pocond the Curtic ago, a man connected with our Farators and Congressmen are bound to be influenced by political congive up this fight, because we will progressive senators who are proposed at the contract of the contract o siderations.

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The most described by the 7th Congress when I came in the store the first our critics and our enemies. progressive action would be, at this time, to divide the western farmers in their allegiance to the McNary-Haugen hill. The fact that the Form Pu en bill. The fact that the Farm Bureau, Farmers Union and Corn Belt owes here." I will not tell you this

ready for me, a car of cotton seed, of Secretary Hoover, failure to enact a farm relief measure will hurt his candidacy, providing, of course, the Democrats acquit themselves with credit.

If the farmers intend to stick together in this fight, regardless of another very successful Farmers Under the port of this bill, it could be not only passed by congress, but over the head of the president. With this accomplished, it seems to me that the way plished, it seems to me that the way plished, it seems to me that the way plished. Shipstead, Norris, yourself and others shipstead, Norris, yourself and others and part of a car of tankage in pool and par successful.

Talked to Mr. George Hauserman of Alta Vista over the phone, but found him full up of Farmers Union HONOR FOR SALINA ACCOUNTANT

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At Herington Mr. Leonard Mr. L

SENATOR CURTIS HAS A 100 PER CENT RECORD FOR FARMERS

The Republican Leader Has Played Important Role in the Fight for Farm Relief

mediately to show that we understand the situation and mean to be heard from.

The Federated Farm Organizations are raising a war chest, which means are raising a war chest, which means finds, with which to finance our legislative campaign. We have mailed out fifteen hundred subscription list blanks to blanks from our northwest office recently to be circulated for contributions and expect to send out many more.

The Iowa Farmers Union head of these subscription list blanks to be sent out to the cross roads of flows. Kansas has also ordered two thousand. Letters are out row use.

The Jordan of Chements of Adams and Mr. Anderson, Mr. Francisc came in on the same errand, and of course that queered the deal. I think I sould have not the same errand, and of course that queered the deal. I think I sould have not the constant of the same errand, and of course that queered the deal. I think I sould have not the constant of the constant

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A message has just been received that Mrs. M. O. Glessner, who was operated upon at the Haltead Hospital, is not getting along as well as was thought at first. In fact her condition is very serious. The officers of the measures when, in 1921, the Board to meet application is very serious. The officers of the money to meet applications of the country. The falling of real estates the measures and bank
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ly established a National Board of purposes and to call upon all business

A year ago I had considerable faith and the state of tankage. Feeders at Maple-lags, subject to crop, and we want to other senators, insisted that if the thill are taking about all of the corn handle the largest possible volume. We appreciate the year fewerable con wheat it should be fixed on the farmers' merce, to remove direct burdens and price was to be fixed on the farmers' merce, to remove direct burdens and the same appreciate the year fewerable con wheat it should be fixed on the fixed ticles farmers had to buy. He, with such commodities, and to provide for and I noticed right away that the old Pontiac began to get frisky; it would rove it by handling an amount large of the rove it by handling an amount large sasshay first to one side of the road enough to justify a volume contract. say and others in a conference. It was ally passed by the administration it provided for the fixing of the price of the Senate Committee on Agriculture wheat to encourage and increase pro- and later by the House Agricultural

> the greatest injustice to agriculture, heavy. The chair had sudden paraly- the time the price fixing committee

it made a great hit with the crowd. the bill, proposed by him, were car-so I stayed there until Tom helped ried. As the bill was presented the get our votes." Until we are ready of that, we will not impress the ndustrial barons of this nation, who low control the Republican party, with our sincerity and common sense. If the farmers of the middle west in the president would seem to make the bill, if enacted, to, Mr. John Meinhart. Mr. Meinhart would seem to measure attempted to use "number to measure attempted to use "number to, Mr. John Meinhart. Mr. Meinhart would seem to measure attempted to use "number to, Mr. John Meinhart. Mr. Meinhart would seem to measure attempted to use "number to, Mr. John Meinhart. Mr. Meinhart would seem to measure attempted to use "number to, Mr. John Meinhart. Mr. Meinhart would seem to measure attempted to use "number to, Mr. John Meinhart. Mr. Meinhart would seem to measure attempted to use "number to, Mr. John Meinhart. Mr. Meinhart would seem to measure attempted to use "number to, Mr. John Meinhart. Mr. Meinhart would seem to measure attempted to use "number to, Mr. John Meinhart. Mr. Meinhart would seem to measure attempted to use "number to, Mr. John Meinhart. Mr. Meinhart would seem to measure attempted to use "number to, Mr. John Meinhart. Mr. Meinhart would seem to measure attempted to use "number to, Mr. John Meinhart. Mr. Meinhart would seem to measure attempted to use "number to, Mr. John Meinhart. Mr. Meinhart would seem to work the word would seem to work the word work to measure attempted to use "number to, Mr. John Meinhart. Mr. Meinhart would seem to work the word work to work the word work

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By W. C. Lansdon they called upon the price fixing authority, President Wilson. These arketing movement who are well ac-

to the deflation period started in 1919. The loss in farm values, during this ers, but also in the falling of real es-

tate values.

He urged members of the Federal Reserve Board to adopt a definite and orderly plan of deflation by increasing the interest rates on money loaned to those who borrowed it for speculative

The situation at Washington, as we see it, is precisely as follows:

The administration, which means Mellon and Hoover, will try hard to get through the agricultural program and Hoover, will try hard to get through the agricultural program and put forward by the Secretary of Agriculture. This program calls for as mall presidential appointed from Board with an appropriation of \$300,000,000 to be loaned to commodity marketine organizations for the situation at Washington, as we see it, is precisely as follows:

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Without being compelled to sacrifice their property.

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Urges Western Senators to Stand by Power up to St. Marys, and found for the rest in the United States sent to have an anyone else can bid, we as the for the shipper. But we have arranging for the rest into in both the House of farm relief with Farmers Union goods, so I drove up to Topeks and laid up for the rest elected, and laid up for the rest in the United States Senator Curse of the day.

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In January, 1927, when the emergency plan was again submitted Senator Curtis and others, knowing how the preident felt on the question,, pre-

Haugen bill pronounced this measure, light of the crowd. A fine lunch was ported an amendment to make the then served, and everyone enjoyed a word "markets" instead of "market." When asked if the amendment would that the president would approve of The time will come, the time will not merely compel the government to such a bill because it did not include the government to such a bill because it did not include the government to such a bill because it did not include the equalization fee of the McNary-Turman! The Women's Auxiliary senator replied that it would not; will soon get into action in that community, under very competent leader munity, under very competent leader do justice to the wheat growers of sent to a compromise. Senator Curtis ship, and some time I may ret them the country. This amendment was al- voted for the McNary-Haugen bill, but its advocates could not obtain the The tendency at the time was to fix signature of the president, and thus no FROM THE CREAMERY

a minimum price for wheat at about legislation was secured. (Had the farmers the past several months, we \$1.50 per bushel. The farmers did niers been willing to accept half-

The annual meeting of the policyholders of the Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company of Kansas and the Farmers Union Mutual Hail Insurance Company of Kansas will be held in the office of the company at Salina, Kansas, January 5, 1927, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing 5 directors and the transaction of any other business that should come before the meeting.

C. E. BRASTED, President. CHAS. A. BROOM, Secretary.

coming convinced that the Farmers O little town of Bethlehem! proly and we believe the men in the Union Co-operative Produce way is

duty until after the Thanksgiving holidays but they are now getting protty The hopes and fears of all the years A number of meetings hav been idays but they are now getting protty scheduled—some at stations already well lined up and report a goodly the established, for the nurpese of in-tler, creasing the membership and thus en-"on the dotted line."

How still we see thee lie; the best way to market their pro- Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by. The field men did not report for Yet in thy dark street shineth The everlasting Light;

Are met in thee, tonight.

Notice of Annual Meeting

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cluding advertising, should be in seven days pe-fore the date of publication. Notices of meetings can be handled up until noon Saturday on the week preceding publication date.

Communications and Questions—Communications

are solicited from practical farmers, members of the F. E. & C. U. of A., are at liberty to ask questions on any phase of farm work. Answers will be either published or mailed.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1927

THE FARMERS UNION IS NOW HANDLING BILLIONS

We have said that under the bainer of the Farmers Union is to be found the largest group of cooperatives in America Operating figures covering the business of thes: co-operatives are hard to assemble, because there is no rule or law compelling these co-operatives to report to the National Secretary of the Farmers Union.

For example, Oklahoma is dotted with Farmers Union - tton gins. It was reported to the Convention that Union members in Oklahoma had added this year to their cotton ginning equipment over a rillion dollars worth of new machinery.

akraska Union members have and very cutensively into the distribution of oil and gas and are taking steps to establish a uniform gasoline purchased through a state agency and labeled Farmers Union Gasoline. Nebraska's big Union creameries are running up into million s in volume.

Kansas has gone forward rapilly - th banking. But these are minor things.

Property Insurance

In the field of Mutual Property Insurance eight ab eported in 1926 insurance in force aggregating the tremendous sum of \$121,250,000. These sar e eight states this year reported insurance in force of \$156,300,000, or a gain in one year of

Nine ive Stock Houses

The nine big live stock commission houses of the Farmers Union, which handled in 1926 live stock to the value of \$112,149,469.87 have all made gains in volume this year with perhaps the most noteworthy gain at South St. Paul. Our South St. Paul House has had to double the yar' space or 1987, our Farmers Union Commission House at South St. Paul handled live stock to the total value of \$554,000. This is at the rate of a million dollars per month. It is possible that the November business may exceed a million dollars. Chicago shows a proportional gain due to the rapid organization of the Farmers Union in northern Illinois.

Grain at Terminals The Farmers Union is now handling grain on five o. the termial grain markets, and it will please our folks here in the northwest to know that the Larmers Union grain sales agencies, is leading all the others. At the time of going to press with this issue, sales of grain by the Farmers Union Terminal 'cociation since August first of this year had reached a total of \$4,000,000.

Making Huge Savings

These great marketing institutions, the insurance companies, and local co-operatives, aggregating thousands in number, are doing a business that mounts upward far beyond millions or even hundreds of millions of dollars. The savings alone that have been made, which savings are now in the pockets of the individual members of the Farmers Union instead of in the bank accounts of private state organization. speculators and handlers of farm products, equal sums of money that total millions.

THUS FAR THE UNION HAS NOT SUSTAIN-ED A FAILURE OF A MAJOR CO-OPERATIVE IN HALF A SCORE OF YEARS.

And all this is "he to the fact that the parent or graization, Union itself, through its speakers and organizers went out to the cross roads, mainly to the country school houses, organized locals and educated its members to buy together, sell together, and stick together.

The Union has attempted no unsound promotion schemes. Its institutions have been built on the sound principles of co-operation and sustained by a loyal and educated membership. Its marketing organizations are so located that practically all farmers from Chicago westward to the Pacific Ocean and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico may

be served by these business ar ivities. Service 'enefits are therefore available at once to the new members who are joining the Farmers ganization empowered by law to buy and sell co- which the private handlers now harvest from his annual statement to the conven-Union. The new member may consign his grain operatively. We have provided for extension of month to month. to his own farmer owned sales ager y. He can ship control of our marketing agencies by the memberhis live stock to his own sales agency at the terminal where farmer minded salesmen are on hand bership just as rapidly as the farmers place themto look after his live stock as if it were their own. selves in an organized position to participate in produce and insurance to private interests is so He can insure his life and thus protect his family such control. This is a complete and final answer much gained. ir his own farmer owned life insurance company to those who have visioned the set up of business and likewise his property. In most, if not all sections, he can turn his cream over to his own butter the organization itself. No such thing was ever factory, and in some places, his poultry to his own dressing station and coll stolage plant.

He can buy as well as sell. hour, and we can see the time coming when a Un- doing in the older states. We are using the ear a- with financial resources with which to fight farm ion member will be able to start out on a trip to ings and intend to use such earnings for two pur-Gulf of Mexico or to the Rocky Mountains and poses. fill his gas tank with Farmers Union Gasoline all

And this is the organization concerning which

sent the word over the wires that somebody had The Kansas Union Farmer sent the word over the wires that somebody had said that the Farmers Union was bankrupt, or was ikely to go bankrupt, because the parent org niwere protected by the laws of the land against he assaults of private speculators and corporators, who have fought in every conceivable way to keep the farmers outside the gates of the big terminal markets.

The reporter who sent those lines over the wires of the Associated Press doubtless thought he was pleasing his masters, and the Associated Press manager higher up who put his O. K. on this malicious slander must have thought he was pleasthe seat of the throne, you find the institution that fects." in 1917 put words in the mouth of Senator La Follette at St. Paul which he never uttered, but which were broadcasted over the land as fact with the plain intent to do Senator La Follette a deadly injury,-Farmers Union Herald.

(Still, in fairness to the Associated Press, we must admit that the statement was made. It was an u ise statement.

THE BUSINESS MEN'S COMMISSION ON AGRI-CULTURE REPORTS DISTRESSING CONDITIONS

"The evidence is clear that American agriculture has undergone a prolonged and trying readjustment to post-war conditions, in the course of which those engaged in other fields. On the human side, t has been deprived of the energy, experience and rifices may be necessary. knowledge of many thousands of farmers who have lost their resources and have been persuaded or compelled to leave the farm for other occupations, while the land resources of the nation have been impaired by neglect and wasteful exploitation under the pressure to which those who remained on the farm have been subjected.

"Agriculture in this country also appears to be subject to certain deep-lying ills which time alone cannot safely be relied upon to cure but may even accentuate. There is evidence that real as well as money costs in the industry are rising; that we are not keeping our old superiority over competitors; that the fertility of the land is being impaired; that erosion is insidiously and constantly carrying away a layer of irreplaceable surface soil not only from the hillsides but over practically the whole area devoted to ploughed crops; that many if not most farmers are year after year failing to secure a return equivalent to that which can be obtained in the city by workers of no greater ability, that the comparative advantage of other industries is rapidly increasing; that the obstacles to the extension of markets for farm products are growing more effective; that the difficulties of improving the organization and methods of agriculture are increasing; that the year by year fluctuations in the prices of farm commodities are growing ever more severe and are increasing the hazard under which the farmer carries on his occupations; that tenancy is increasing; and that the quality of the farm population is undergoing a progressive deterioration.

"Our national policies in respect to industry, rade and international relations all have a pr found bearing on the agricultural problem. But the aim in agricultural policies should have in view stor's pens. In the first fifteen days of November, such improvement in the economic position of the farmer as is consistent with the wisest utilization of our land resources and the development of types of farmers and of rural life which will make not only calm and wise business, and a strong and fervent for greater farm prosperity but for the long-time

social and political welfare of the nation as a whole. "A sound national agricultural policy conceived in this way cannot rest upon government action zation saw fit to pay a man a salary of \$5,000 per alone, but requires active participation and co-opyear to spend most of his time at Washington to eration of farmers and of other economic groups see that these gigantic intitutions of the Union as well as that of local, state and federal governmental authorities.

made more nearly to equalize, as between agricul- lars), and paid on their debt to the ture and manufacturing industry, such benefits as United States 33,100,000 pounds the existing protective tariff system can afford to (about 165 million dollars). both. Protective policies which tend to place artificial obstacles in the way of natural and artificial obstacles in the way of natural and artificial was less than half the maximum tificial obstacles in the way of natural and named amount provided by the agreements, extension of markets for American farm products but that paid to the United States and which tend to increase the domestic costs of was 87 per cent of the provided maxitheir production should be subjected to careful reing some one still higher up, and when you get to consideration with a view to equalizing their ef-

Because the conditions outlined by this Commission are true and regretable, the Farmers Union is emphatically and boisterously in favor of a farm very exacting violinist.

| Commission are true and regretable, the Farmers Union in low riced land now than in low riced land in 1910 and he can having failed, the president of the Agricultural workers of the city in regard to move that in low riced land now than in low riced land in 1910 and he can having failed, the president of the Agricultural workers. Union—one Mr. relief bill embodying the principle incorporated in the McNary-Haugen bill vetoed by President Cool- BUT THIS IS FOR A DIFFERENT

NEED CRUSADING SPIRIT

Sometimes we wonder whether in preaching cooperation and urging patronage of our co-operative enterprises we do not place too much emphasis upon immediate financial gains, and not enough found that new violins can be "aged" upon building the co-operative movement. Our goal is to carry our products co-operatively as far toward consumers as possible, and to extend co-opthose engaged in it have suffered seriously in their erative buying to mines, mills, and factories, in orrelative economic prosperity in comparison with der to protect ourselves against wasteful methods and extortion. To attain this goal, temporary sac-

Our co-operative enterprises have saved money for their patrons-lots of it! Further, it is the purpose of the co-operative movement-from the economic standpoint, at least—to make savings for cooperators. It is legitimate enough, therefore, to
Lewisite, the gas prepared by the
urge our fellow farmers to get into the movement
United States chemical department for
United States chemical department for lishing agriculture. Simple and diand patronize our co-operative enterprises because they can save money by it.

But by stressing immediate financial gains cellars and dug-outs; if inhaled, it is tellars and dug-outs; if inhaled, it is tellars and dug-outs; if inhaled, it is organized; labor is organized; usition of two weeks holiday per to take your wife and babies to the stantly, we are in danger of creating the imconstantly, we are in danger of creating the impression that accepting the best immediate bargain -aye, even going out to look for it-is quite justifiable. We may hold the immediate penny so close to the eye as to obscure the more distant dollar.

This produces only fair-weather co-operators. In presenting the gains to be made by co-operation, we should not fail to emphasize the fact that now be used-might in favorable cirwe are building a movement, and that sacrifices prises that are not fully developed and integrated that later research has given yet 'betmer not always be able to return us more for our ter escaled has given penetraproducts, or always secure all of our goods and supplies more cheaply, than old-line agencies. Moreover, old-line concerns may do business at a loss in order to attract patronage and undermine the co-operatives.

The farmer who sticks to our co-operative enterprises through thick and thin will be financially ahead by so doing; but there may be times when on some particular item he could do better outside. To accept the best bargain in such instances, to go in for the immediate financial gain, weakens the cooperative movement and retards the attainment of

OURS IS A DISTINGUISHED MOVEMENT "What distinguishes co-operation from every other movement is that it is at once a strong and

GLIMPSES OF CO-OPERATION

and proselytizing faith."-Marshall.

Begining January first, 1928, the Farmers Union of Nebraska puts into effect a change in the apportionment of the dues paid by their members. Heretofore they have put 40 cents per member into the treasury of the county organization, and that will be reduced to 25 cents. There will be a re- trol, and if it elects to change this policy, it will be duction also of 15 cents per member in the amount retained by the local. This will add 30 cents per member to the income of the state union, giving the state \$1.70 per member. Of this 25 cents goes to the National union, leaving \$1.45 to be used by the

In Kansas the dues of \$2.25 per number are apportoned as follows: To the local, 80 cents. To the the toll now taken by stock buyers, grain buyers, principles of the McNary-Haugen county, 20 cents. To the national union 25 cents. To the state, \$1.00. Out of this dollar the state publishes the Kansas Union Farmer at a cost (last year) of 84 cents per member. (We admit that it cents per member for administration and field The diversion of these tolls and profits from pri- Kansas Farmers Union, and one of

President Chas. S. Barrett says the Farmers Unon has done more with less money than any other establish credit reserves. organization which ever existed.

THE USE PROFITS FOR ORGANIZATION AND FOR RESERVES

The set up of the state organization is, we believe, a step in advance of all the states now members of the Union. We are set up as a business ororganizations with control thereof removed from is the beginning of education. Both cost money.

contemplated or intended. Here in the northwest we have made another departure. We are not paying patronage dividends A new Union oil station is born about every on savings made out of commissions, as they are

1st. We are using the earnings to build and extend the organization.

2nd. We are setting up reserves in cash and prosome pin head reporter for the Associated Press perty in order to guard against periods of distress

NEBRASKA CHANGES DUES APPORTION- | and crop failure, and to build a credit structure to free our folks from financial bondage to the class There should be in every aggressive that holds the money bags.

We are determined to pursue this policy as one of both common sense and business sense until this Newspaper reporters, misinterpretsection of the agricultural area is organized. When ing the situation, wrote articles indithe organization is built, the organization will con- cating that there was a break in portile to do so.

The first duty of a farm organization seeking a finite a platform for economic justice solution of the farm problem is to organize the producers. This cannot be done with the proceeds of Mayor Hunter of DesMoines. in fees and dues alone, because any fee and due suf- welcoming the guests to Iowa's capficient to accomplish the task will not be paid by the ital city, sounded the fundamental farmer. Such cost in the main must come out of key-note of the convention when he produce buyers and commission men. The annual bill. Milo Reno extended the hostoll taken jointly by the buyers and handlers of pitality of the state in entertaining grain, live stock, produce and the premiums paid the national organization for the first on insurance to old line insurance companies run time and referred to the farmers' inis worth much more than that). This leaves us 16 into millions of dollars, much of which is profit. vate handlers, to the Farmers Union service organ- the outstanding figures among farm izations will pay for organization, education and organization leaders, dwelt upon in

A" 'hat the farmers need to do to emancipate themselves as a class is to stop giving the market-NORTH DAKOTA EXPLAINS THEIR METHOD ing of their crops into the hands of those whose only interest in the farmer is to make money, and give their hoofs, bushels and insurance premiums to their own organization.

Their now farmer owned and managed institutions will then have the money and the credit reserves they corresponded accurately with

Every farmer who can be made to understand

This is what organization means. Organization When the farmer quits marketing through his class enemy and begins to market through his own agency, he is depriving his class enemy of profits with which to fight farm organization and farm directors. relief. And he is equipping his own organization organization and farm relief. And he is equipping his own organization with financial resources with which to organize, educate and fight for the

farmer instead of against him. This is our program here in the northwest .-From The Farmers Union Herald.

PAYING THE FIDDLER The British government received "The commission believes that efforts should be last year from their war debtors 8,- will fall with as great a crash as that 200,000 pounds (about 40 million dol- of Pome."—British Prime Minister.

> Germany paid Great Britain 14,500,-000 pounds, and when the full Dawes ed lad over by deed to mortgage holdannuities are reached will be paying

FIDDLE A novel method of quickly restoring the tone quality of a violin, which has become sluggish and impaired in this respect, due to long periods of disuse, an insufficient profit remains whereconsists in placing the instrument with its sound holes in close proximity to a radio loud speaker. It has been in the same way.—Luke Mattera, well as the business man in the towns Brooklyn, N. Y.

"PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL

"With air force development as it s, with developments in range, with developments in chemicals, with developments in liquid gas—if we go on as we are now, air warfare in the future may well mean the destruction of civization as we know it today."-Sir

Samuel Hoare, British M. P. "The facts (are) now known about known in 1918—far larger sizes could lishment.—President Coolidge. cumstances have wiped out the population of Berlin . And Lewisite is not his book on "Disarmament."

ASIDE FRCT THIS FARM! ALL RIGHT

ncreased over 400 millions since 1910, and 133 millions over 1920, and in the 4,984 mortgages representing \$33,500,000, were foreclosed, not counting the almost incredible.

terest charges and taxes.

The average prices paid for the principal farm products are so little by the farm operator -- v secure the ordi ary conveniences of living, like light, heat, water, radio, bath and toilet facilities, open to the worker as and cities, the figures showing radios on 16 per cent of the farms, while bath facilities are found on only one the man who produces food for the nation will begin to think that he is a in twelve.
The chattel mortgage indebtedness

is steadily increasing by years.

STILL_THE TARIFF HELPS THE STEEL TRUST, AND IT IS WELL ORG. NIZED

No complicated scheme of relief, no plan of government fixing of prices, possibly to take his wife and babies to no resort to the public treasury will the campaign of 1919, but never used. rect methods put into operation by the Lewisite is invisible, it is a sinking farmer himself are the only sources of is to feed swine to the glory of God, gas, which would reach down to the restoration. His customer with whom and not to be aping your betters by fatal at once, if it settles on the skin is organized; labor is organized; using the produces almost certain death; masks alone are of no use against it; for agriculture to meet this unless it is persistent; it has 55 times the lating is the self constant. 'spread' of any poison gas actually us-cd in the war. Indeed, it was estimat-ous and profitable agriculture. It is ed by an expert that one dozen Lewis-ite air bombs of the largest size at the base of our agriculture estab-

> THE VERY IDEA We don't know what England is the revolutionary proposal of Presi-coming to. Positively we don't. We dent John Beard, and gave that gencan remember, not so many years ago, when agricultural workers were hired

whole of the civilization of the ages day. Then they were kept in their proper place, and recognized the hum-ble station in which God had placed

on—not a Farmers' Union, but a Farm mortgage indebtedness has Workers' Union-and at a recent meeting of the Counc'l of Agriculture in England on October 20th, they inthree years of 1924-26, a total of troduced a resolution which is so far

It seems there has been some movement on foot to treat the agricultural workers the same as the industrial ot now take his equity and buy as ricultural Workers' Union—one Mr. riany acres free of incumbrance as in John Beard—proposed at the aforesaid meeting of the Council of Agritance to the proposed at the aforesaid meeting of the Council of Agritance to the proposed at the aforesaid meeting of the Council of Agritance to the proposed at the aforesaid meeting of the Council of Agritance to the proposed at the aforesaid meeting of the Council of Agritance to the proposed at the aforesaid meeting of the Council of Agritance to the proposed at the aforesaid meeting of the Council of Agritance and the proposed at the aforesaid meeting of the Council of Agritance and the proposed at the proposed at the aforesaid meeting of the Council of Agritance and the proposed at the aforesaid meeting of the Council of Agritance and the proposed at the aforesaid meeting of the Council of Agritance and the proposed at the aforesaid meeting of the Council of Agritance and the proposed at the aforesaid meeting of the Council of Agritance and the proposed at the aforesaid meeting of the Council of Agritance and the proposed at the aforesaid meeting of the Council of Agritance and the proposed at the propo culture "that a scheme be set up

whereby agricultural workers will be assured of two weeks holiday per an-num with pay." What right have agricultural workers to two weeks holiday? The next thing they will be forming golf clubs, and wintering on the Riviera. If this thing is not stopped pretty soon, all the old caste-lines in England will go by the board, and human-being just like the gentlemen

in the cities. The vicar and the squire must have failed lamentably in their duty these latter days, if John Hodge, Agricultural Worker, is beginning to get such notions of his own importance. Two weeks holiday per year with pay the seaside and lounge around just

ry England. You'll get your reward

in heaven. Fortunately, although Conservative England has been slipping—and slipping badly of late years—the English Council of Agriculture have this to their credit—that they turned down tleman (or "clodhopper," perhaps some would say), something to pull his whiskers over and reflect about. -The Western Producer, Saskatoon down six days of the week, and had Canada

Pen Pictures of the National Convention

We Shall Give to Our Readers the Pictures of the Convention as Drawn by Editors in Other States. Our Position Colors Our Judgment. These Men Are All Honest in Their Reports, But the Reports Reflect Their Convictions

Austin Haines Sees a Great Program Set Up-The Fight Was In-cidental and Unimportant

(By Austin Haines) The 23rd National convention of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America was held in Des Moines on November 15, 16 ownership of Muscle Shoals; deand 17. No session of the national body ever put forward a more comprehensive and constructive program than it did in its resolutions and committee reports.

principles of agricultural equality the present Federal Reserve System; embodied in the McNary-Haugen bill. organization but they were of minor importance compared to the big, broad things that were accomplished. Farmers Union ranks, when, as a matter of fact, the Farmers Union never went to the world with so de-

Mayor Hunter of DesMoines, declared himself in favor of the alienable right to make mistakes, which C. E. Huff, president of the responding to the words of welcome that had been spoken.

After that the convention settled down to routine business that is embraced in the detailed committee reports and resolutions which were adopted, as follows:

1. The national Board of Directors reported that it had received monthly the financial statements of the secretary and treasurer and found that tion. They warned state organization for the efforts of President Bartake out incorporation papers in their

2. The committee on officers reports, comprised of C. W. Booth, W. P. McGee and A. W. Kinney, commended the national officers for the service they had rendered the organization since the previous annual convention and expressed appreciation for the fforts of President aBrrett, Vice President Simpson, Secre-

3. Secretary A. C. Davis reported regarding organization work, with pecial reference to the establishment of the Farmers Union in North Dakota through the support of the Iowa division and urged upon the delegates the need for adequate legislation, co-operation and organiza-tion if the Farmers Union was to

4. The committee on legislation of- en a hearing before the national fered a report unanimously adopted, Board of Directors ot develop a plan that contained the following plans: for cor-ordinating the work of the opposing compulsory military training in state educational institutions; approving the stand of Senator Norris, of Nebraska, in opposing private nouncing the autocratic control over federal land banks by the board of

directors; opposing the erduction of income taxes on the higher brackets; favoring inheritance and gift taxes as a means of reducing our war debts ganization went on record, clearly as rapidly as possible; favoring government banks of issue in place of and endoursing the principles of the

McNary-Haugen Bill. 5. The convention adopted, without division, a resolution offered by Robert Moore approving a graduated land tax to avert the dangers of corporation farming.

6. Mr. Huff, of Kansas, obtained endorsement of a resolution calling upon the editors of various Farmers Union state papers to co-ordinate their activities.

7. Representatives of the cotton growing states urged the formation of a Farmers Union marketing association for their product and it met with the approval of the convention. 8. A memorial to Honest John Tromble, late Kansas state president, was spread upon the minutes of the convention commending him as one whose "grasp of principles, vision, sound judgment, genial friendliness, and above all sterling integrity made him the respected friend and coun-

9. The convention resolved that it was opposed to the fforts of state and national veterinaries, county agents and others financially interested to enforce any compulsory tuberulin tests for dairy cattle.

10. The committee on Grain Marketing, composed of C. C. Talbott, of North Dakota, J. J. O'Shea, of Montana and H. L. Click, of Nebraska, secured endorsement of their report that grain marketing agencies be established under the auspices of the Farmers Union to furnish a square

deal for the growers. 11. A resolution was unanimously adopted commending the passage of laws similar to that which the Farmers Union of Iowa recently got thru the state legislature authorizing the establishment of co-operative banks, along the lines of the Rochdale plan. 12. The committee on co-operative gas and oil companies reported favconcerns, based on the experience of the Nebraska Farmers Union, and recommended uniform articles of incorporation be adopted for all such tary Davis and the national board of Farmers Union business activities.

13. The radio committee urged keeping the air free from autocratic control and more specifically approved of the fearless stand taken by Norman Baker, owner of Station "KTNT" at Muscatine, Iowa, in presenting to his thousands of listeners the viewpoint of the Farmers Union

on questions of the day.

14. The Ladies Auxiliary of Iowa presented a request that they be giv-

various state auxiliaries.

15. It was recommended to the convention and approved by it that in communities where 2,000 bales of cotton were raised, co-operative cotton gins be utilized, but that such organizations should not enter into

the speculative buying of cotton. 16. A resolution, offered by C. W. Booth of Idaho, asking that poultry be included as livestock, under the federal laws, so that the eradication of poultry diseases should come with in the functions of the Bureau of

Animal Industry, was passed. 17. The committee on Farmers Union Co-operative Creameries warned against the wiles of professional promoters and urged the establishmen of real co-operatives with a central organization that would eliminate duplication of effort.

18. The Fruit and Vegetable Committee asked that the state and federal officials sit down around a conference table in an effort to co-ordinate their activities so as to make for the welfare of that industry that is being ruined by foreign invasions. 19. The Farmers Union Mutual Life Insurance Co., was endorsed as at previous conventions, as the nation life insurance company of the Farmers Union, and the national, state and local divisions were urged to give it their full spuuort. The report of Secretary E. E. Kinsinger, showing a gain of nearly \$100,000.00 in assets during the past year and over a million and a quarter dollars in insurance in force since the last report to the national convention was accepted and approved.

20. The committee on property insurance reported "The remarkable growth and the savings that the members have been able to make thru carrying their insurance in their own company, the most important feature of which is promptness in the payment of claims, is sufficient evidence of the service rendered. We wish to emphasize the fact that we have been unable to find a single instance where our companies have failed or ceased to dob usiness have failed or ceased to do business after having been organized."

21. Regarding the Farmers Union live stock commissions on the various terminal markets, the convention declared against direct selling to packer buyers and urged upon the federal Department of Agriculture

The convention adjourned amid the strains of "God, Be With Us Till We Meet Again" sung by the Hackney Harmony Hounds from Kansas, confident that despite momentary differences, it had accomplished more far-reaching results than any similar gathering of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America ver held.

Burbank Super is a variety of wheat not adapted to all sections of the Kan-

Ladies' Auxiliary

Junior Contest

Prizes For Best Letters Containing Suggestions For Conducting A Junior Department. Prizes For The Best Name For Us To Use.

Is order for us to get our Junior department started and in good running order by the first of the year, it has been suggested that we begin with a contest, that will last through November and December, ending December

This contest may be participated in, by any child under fifteen years of age, whose parents are members of the Farmers Union in good standing.

The requirements of the contest will be, a letter written by the child giving his ideas of how a Junior Department should be conducted. And a name by which the Juniors will be known, in the columns of the paper.

name by which the Juniors will be known, in the columns of the paper.

The judges will grade on neatness.

The prizes will be a Fountain Pen for the Best Letter and an Eversharp Pencil for the one the judges think is next best. The best letters will be printed, and all who write letters will receive Honorable mention.

Send your letters to the JUNIOR EDITOR, KANSAS UNION FARMER, BALINA, KANSAS, BOX 48.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND PEACE

All thinking people are concerned about the question of war. Of all groups none has greater reason to dread war than those engaged in agriculture. Farms furnish sons for battle and food for armies, and acquire a very heavy share of ensuing debt. Here is a proposal, sponsored by leaders in education, in religion, in statesmanship. What could your Auxiliary do about this?)

On April 6, 1927, the tenth anniver-TREATIES

to the people of the United States the "renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy." "France," he said, "would be willing to subscribe publicly with the United States to any mutual agreement tending to 'outlaw war' (to use an American expression) as between these two countries." The French Cabinet, according to the New York Times of June 28, 1927, endorsed this proposal, and the American Ambassador, Mr. Herrick, on behalf of the French government brought to our state department in June a definite project for a "treaty of eternal peace" the instrument of national Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of Churches, where orders for the book may be instituted in the committee will arrange for the public contest to be held becommented to be held before March 15, 1928, and select the judges—three or five in number.

Each participant may present a declamation to be derived from a book of approved articles of about 1,000 words entitled "Brief Discussions of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Patterns, a CONCISE and Children's Patterns, a CONCISE and COMPREHENSIVE ARTICLE ON DRESSMAKING, ALSO SOME POINTS FOR THE NEEDLE (illustrating 30 of the various, simple stitches) all valuable hints to the home dressmaker.

state department in June a definite project for a "treaty of eternal peace" between France and the United States.

Forty-three nations have already negotiated 82 treaties in which they agree to settle their differences without war. The United States is not among the nations that have negotiated such treaties. France has signed five; Great Britain one. Our present arbitration treaty with France expires in February, 1928; that with Great Britain in June, 1928. Several great national organizations and many leaders of thought in the United States have endorsed the proposal that our country make treaties with

other and better methods than war of Leadership for Silver-Medal oCr ests raise quite a stink with some of the

settling international disputes. the youth of the United States along bronze-medal contest who will enlist time comes to show their friendship, these fruitful lines, national prizes five or more winners of bronze med-are offered by Clement M. Bidd's of als and organize a group contest to New York for the preparation and be held on or before World Goodwill

their own speeches.

Contests in Public Speaking Local Leadership for Bronze-Medal

Contests



TANGERINE FOR TEA What woman does not enjoy a pretty tea party? What brings more pride than to be the "perfect hostess?" But for the party to be pretty and successful, the hostess must dress carefully for the occasion. Could anything be more apropose these absencing embroidered test of the committee in Charge, National Oratorical Contest on Outlaw-War Treaties, 532 Seventeenth St., N.W., Washington, D. C. than a charming, embroidered tea apron? Could any color suit the oc-casion better than Tangerine? It is not a matter of price to obtain the fine tea apron like the one pictured fine tea apron like the one pictured above, but more one of good taste.

The limiting woman will prove her individuality before the most critics. In a like the one pictured amount may have them for 1c each.—

In a like the one pictured wishing to buy these songs in any amount may have them for 1c each.—

C. F. Brasted, Sec'y, Salina, Kansas, Box 51.

Every farm should have one or two good nailing hammers. The best grade is the cheapest in the end. Get an adze-eye, bell-face hammer which weighs either 16 or 20 ounces. Keep it with your other shop tools in a dry, safe place.

Then out of this travail of war, on morn,
And its throes of agony peace with born,
As the Holy Child of Bethlehem the Under the Bethlehem star and the bright star of peace

Shall illumine the East
To guide the "wise men" from afar.

—Jean Gray.

a commission to act as supervisor and organize a bronze-medal contest. Up-

on April 6, 1927, the tenth anniversary of the entry of the United States many young people as possible to compete for the medal. Young people who on May 18, 1928, will not have passed to the people of the United States the

To arouse and direct the thought of a silver medal to any supervisor of a to be their friends, and then when the

will arrange for a public meeting at committee will select the judgesthree or five in number. These judges Any newspaper editor ,school superintendent, school principal, minister, speaker who presents his or her address in the most effective and con-

as a part of this or any similar peace leave, I was really sorry. oratorical competition of young peo-ple not over 19, the judges may select not more than two of the original ple not over 19, the judges may select not more than two of the original speeches that they regard as most meritorious in point of content as well as form and submit them to the nadar form and submit the nadar form and sub

Prizes for Original Speeches First-\$500, to be used, preferably, or a summer trip to Geneva, Switzerland, and other points in Europe.
Second—\$300, to be used, preferably, towards the meeting of school or

Third—\$200, to be used, preferably towards the meeting of school or col-

Gold Medal for State Win ers In addition, a gold medal . "1 awarded to the writer of the best orig-

inal speech in each state. Annlications for commissions to act as supervisors of local contests be addressed to the Secretary o' the Committee in Charge, National Oratorical Contest on Outlaw-War Treaties, 532 Seventeenth St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

CONVENTION SONGS

We have a supply of the songs that were used at the convention. Anyone wishing to the convention. Anyone Then out of this travail of war, one



6010. Girls' Dress Cut in 4 Sizes: 6, 8, 10 and 12 years. A 10 year size requires 24 yards of 36 inch material together with ½ yard of contrasting material. Price 15c.

5509. Ladies' Dress
Cut in 7 Sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40,
42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. A 38 inch size requires 4%
yards of striped material, and
% yard of plain material 40
inches wide. The width of the
dress at the lower edge with
plaits extended is 1% yard.
Price 15c.

home dressmaker.
Pattern Dept., Kansas Union Farmer, Salina, Kansas. Box 48.

A. M. KINNEY WRITES TO HIS FRIEND JONAS

The Hon. Jonas Slickery, M. C.,

ed such treaties. France has signed five; Great Britain one. Our present arbitration from the office of great price in February, 1928; that with Great Britain in June, 1928. Several great national organizations and many if he wishes, obtain from the office of great national organizations and many is of articles and other useful material.

States have endorsed the proposal that our country make treaties with France and other responsible nations providing amicable ways of dealing with problems arising between them. If such treaties are to be negotiated and ratified this winter or next spring, the president and senate must spring the most effective and convincing way. The committee will arrange to take up the file of the president on officers of the Phillips country in the found in th The national committee will furnish fellows who at election time pretend

happened to me one time up in the ficers were electel: President, C. E. New York for the preparation and public delivery by young people not over 19 years of age of addresses on permanent world peace through treaties for the renunciation of war and the settlement of all international disputes by other means than war.

There will be (1) Contests in public speaking. (2) Contests among the writers of the public delivery by young people not obey from the grand hills. I was holding down a plant happened to me one time up in the sand hills. I was holding down a plant happened to me one time up in the sand hills. I was holding down a plant happened to me one time up in the sand hills. I was holding down a plant happened to me one time up in the sand hills. I was holding down a plant happened to me one time up in the sand hills. I was holding down a plant happened to me one time up in the sand hills. I was holding down a plant happened to me one time up in the sand hills. I was holding down a plant hills. I was holding down a plant happened to me one time up in the sand hills. I was holding down a plant hills. I was holdin home I went straight to bed; after as many Farmers Union members as which the five or more contestants awhile I heard a noise and got up to will compete for the silver medal. The investigate; this family had taken Mrs. Harry L. Morgan, Sec'y. possession of one corner of my house and refused to move. I tried all sorts of things QUIETLY to get this family out, but nothing doing. Finally I erintendent, school principal, minister, church-school superintendent, teacher, club leader, or other interested person in any community who arranges for five or more entrants may apply to the National Committee in Charge for the National Committee in Charge for the expenses of the national contest.

II

State and National Contests Among State and National Contests Among
Writers of Their Own Speeches
Work for the day I would leave the
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sion of good roads and the new Ford Contestants are encouraged to write their own address in competition for the bronze medals. Wherever a bronze medals. Wherever a bronze medal contest is held whether bronze-medal contest is held, whether got along fine, and when they did

Now Jonas, we farmers are getting to where we do not care a tinker's meritorious in point of content as well as form and submit them to the national committee before March 31, 1928. A national board of judges will consider all such manuscripts will consider all such manuscripts and award prizes before May 31, 228, and award prizes before May 31, 228, and award prizes before May 31, 228. am giving you warning that ver farmmen, the steer trust and other classes get. We know who we want, and we "Do not choose" to accept anything else. If we do not get it this winter, there will be a lot of fellows "ke you who will not "Choose to run" for the Office of Secretary of Farmers Un-

Hoping that you will accept this en, and have a little respect for us, I am your old schoolmate,

A. M. Kinney Scorching and withering souls in its

Then out of this travail of war, one

KANSAS UNION FARMER WEEKLY EXCHANGE If members of the Union have anything to Sell or Exchange, they should advertise it in this department. Rate: 3 cents a word per issue. Count words in heading, as "For Sale," or "Wanted to Buy," and each initial or figure in the address. Compound words count as two words. CASH MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER—TRY THIS DEPARTMENT—IT WILL PAY YOU.

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Farmers' Union Live Stock Commission 406-8-10 Live Stock Exchg. Bldg., Kansas City, Mo. Live Stock Exchange Bldg., Wichita, Kan.

Farmers' Union Mutual Insurance Co. Salina, Kansas

Farmers' Union Auditing Association Thomas B. Dunn, Salina

Farmers' Union State Bank Huron Bldg., Kansas City, Kansas

Kansas Union Farmer Salina, Kansas. Saima, Kansas.

Farmers' Union Managerial Association
A. M. Kinney. President, Huron, Kansas.
Miss Olive Troutman, Secretary, Kansas.
City, Kansas

ALLEN COUNTY NOTES

The regular quarterly meeting of the Allen County Farmers Union will meet in session all day Saturday, Dec-ember 17th in the Presbyterian church

It will be almost impossible to have

the business meeting in the after-noon, as the program and the speaker

will take the entire afternoon. Therefore the business meeting will be

held in the morning promptly at 11:00 a. m. Every member should be present at the business meeting as it will

be election of officers for the coming

find out what each one is doing. You

know this Farmer's Union business is "Each for All and All for Each." United we stand, divided we fall.

STAFFORD COUNTY COLUMN
The Stafford Co. Farmers Union
By Co. Correspondent, Mrs. Blaine
O'Connor.

Met in regular session Dec. 6 at the C. O. O. F. hall in St. John. It being the close of the year, the annual elec-

In the absence of Ward J. Spencer County Vice-president Blaine O'Con-nor had charge. The various locals reported activities for the past month.

Both Liberty and North Star re-

pored rabbit hunts in connection with

nembership drive. Liberty 675 rabbits

The following officers were elected:

President, Ward J. Spencer; vice-president, Blaine O'Connor; secre-

tary. Rex Lear: lecturer and organizer, Albert J. Bream; conductor, Chas. Kendall; doorkeeper, Otto Weide; correspondent, Mrs. Ward J. Spenc-

A large and appreciative crowd was

The big booster trip is now on. We have visited Valley Center, North Star, New Hope, this Friday night Livingston will be the hosts, Liberty Dec. 16 and Union Dec. 20.

The following program was furnished by New Hope's reporter: "Ves Veatsh," for publication, which was given at their booster meeting Dec. 2. Vocal solo, Leslie Frances; play-

let, Lucile Rose, Margaret Scheib; two

numbers on the saw, Ves Veatch; piano trio, Bernice Blake, May Hahn and Virgil Hahn.

tion was held.

with Star 1670.

County Sec'y.

..Ivan Grosclose

at Moran, Kansas.

Brasted, Chm. —— Salina, Kansas Collins —— Eaton, Colorado Rogers —— Des Moines, Iowa

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Huff, Vice-Pres. ____Salina, Kansas
Davis, Sec. _____Springfield, Mo.

back guarantee. Ky., Star Rt. B49. FARMS FOR SALE

55 ACRE Kaw Valley Farm near Topeka; well improved; house for 2000 chickens; large barn, stabling 10 cattle or horses; garage; tool house; 6-room cottage. Scile Price, \$11,500; small mortgage. Write E. W. Thompson, 503 Columbian Bldg., Topeka, Kansas. FARMS WANTED John Vesecky Timkin, Kansas
Peter Mumm Selden, Kans.
H. B. Whitaker Emporia, Kansas
Carl E. Clark McPherson, Kansas
R. D. Samuelson Olsburg, Kans.
Farmers Union Jobbing Association
337 Board of Trade Bidg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
246 F. U. Insurance Bidg., Salina, Kans.

Want to hear from owner having farm for sale; give particulars and lowest price. John J. Black, Box 96, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. FUR—dealers and trappers, write for prices. J. E. Green, Fur and Wool, Lebo, Kansas.

LIVESTOCK FOR SALE—RED POLLED BULLS, March Calves, the duall purpose cattle. Also Percheon Stallion. Cobern Herd Farm, Pomona, Kansas.

POSITION WANTED

WANTED — Position as manager of Farmers Union Store. Ten years ex-perienceee as manageer. A high class man, an a rustier. Salary reasonable. 324 North Seventh Street, Sterling, Kansas. POULTRY

Mathis Quality Chicks, Heavy layers Leading breeds, \$8.80 hundred up. Catalog free. Mathis Farms ,Box 112, Parsons, Kansas. SINGLE COMB ENGLISH White Leg-horn Cockerels \$1.75 each. Carrie Liv-ingston, Logan, Kansas.

SEEDS FOR SALE Alfalfa \$6.00—Clove" \$3.50—Sudan \$2.00
—Millett \$1.50, st. ree. If you have any seeds to sell sent sample for bid.
Meier Grain Co., Salina, Kansas.

SITUATION WANTED WANTED—Position as Manager of Farmers Elevator. 6 years experience, a hustler and not afraid to work. Address, 50 care of Union Farmer.

News From The Locals }

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEET.

FRANKLIN COUNTY The Franklin County Farmers Unvote with their enemies. ion No. 72 met in regular session at I am reminded of an incident that Ottawa Dec. 1st. The following of-

> PLEASANT DALE 435 Pleasant Dale Local No. 435 met at Pleasant Dale school house Dec. 1st and the following officers were elect-

A literary program presented by Liberty local as follows: ReadingMrs. Fred Hornbaker Reading Vocal duet Ray Henry, Ivan Grosclose ReadingMrs. Clifford Hayes J. W. Freeman, Sec'y. MITCHELL COUNTY FARMERS UNION MEETING

am giving you warning that we farmers are coming to Washington this winter to make a united demand, that we as farmers be given the same conwe as farmers be given the same con-sideration that the bankers, railroad sideration that the bankers, railroad meeting. C. L. Hendricks,

NEW HOPE "DOINS"
Meeting of Nov. 17th following pro-Office of Secretary of Farmers Un-ion Harmony Local No. 196, Marion county, Kansas.: Our local met on the office of Secretary of Farmers Union Harmony Local No. 196, Marion county, Kansas.: Our local met on the 2nd day of December, 1927, and adopted the following resolutions unanimous: We demand of our state legislater to relieve farmers by shifting taxes to those that are most able to pay. And to refrain from building hard surfaced roads as much as possible. And also demand of our consultations of the pillowing properties of the properties of gram was given: warning of mine in the spirit it is giv 2nd day of December, 1927, and adopthard surfaced roads as much as possible. And also demand of our congress in their next session to enact the McNary-Haugen bill into law. Even over the president's veto. We also demand that congress assume its authority in the monetary system as the constitution provides, where it says congress alone has authority to issue money and fix the price thereof (as money is a government function) and prevent the banks from doing in the further what they did in 1920 to disturb business and destroy half the property in U. S. of A.

We have sent one to our congress-

We have sent one to our congressmen and one to our representative.

J. F. Schick, Secretary,

Rudolph Klenda, President.

Since God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst, our brother, John B. Most, we the members of the Pride Local No. 1780, wish to the bereaved family our since sympathy.

Be it further, Resolved that copy of this expression of our sympathy be sent to the Kansas Union Farmer.

C. J. MILLER, President.

SAM MOST, Secretary.

The laying hen never loafs. Silos should be tight enough to keep the juice in and the air out. \$6 PER THOUSAND ENVELOPES \$5 PER THOUSAND

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Let Our SERVICE Take Care of Your Requirements

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Kansas City, Missouri.

Everlasting Team Work

We realize that your good-will cannot be gained by a single act or by an occasional unusual service; neither can it be obtained by one man or a group of men. Therefore, our entire organization is co-operating to the fullest extent in an earnest effort to merit your friendship and increased

SHIP TO YOUR OWN FIRM

Farmers Union Live Stock Commission

Stock Yards

Kansas City

Price List of Local Supplies

Application cards 20 for 5c Credential blanks 10 for 5c Dimit blanks 15 for 10c .. 12 for 20c

Farmers' Union Song Leaflets, per dozen10c Business Manuals, now used instead of Ritual, each5c

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We are building up a great farmer-owned and farmer-controlled financial institution.

It is furnishing life insurance to farmers at cost, and it is using the money they pay in premiums for their benefit and theirs alone.

Isn't such an institution worth the support, moral and financial, of the farmers in the middle west?

Free booklet descriptive of the company will be sent upon

Farmers Union Mutual Life Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE—DES MOINES, IOWA

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE FARMERS UNION HELD AT DES MOINES IN NOVEMBER

the business activities have contri- on necessity seems to demand. buted 2 per cent of their net earnganization for educational purpose under the resolution passed at the last national convention. We have had in mind the purpose of keeping down expenses by holding only two meetings that were absolutely needs.

penses incurred going to some states are very much in excess of the dues received.

During the past year the National Board of Directors has been conformed with two complicated questions are very much in excess of the dues to some states are very much in excess of the dues to some states are very much in excess of the dues to some states are very much in excess of the dues to some states are very much in excess of the dues to some states are only shorted and light fleshed it is good business to some right good ogether than the first five years which every farmers Union member should be presented by he full committee of the Northwest Organization committees and fully steady packers buying and fully steady packers buying the other in their own company.

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the Northwest Organ to bring about an amicable settlement, and that question has been al lowed to drift along until the present time owing to the fact that the Northern group refused to confer any further because their differences were such as to make it a useless effort. The cause that led up to the frouble in Illinois was owing to the trouble in Illinois was owing to the southern group to seliure of the southern group to seliure form the state of Illinois, thereby leaving an opening for anyone to use the same name for anyone to use the same name of the each month. Mrs. Don Berrie, Sec.

Insurance Company at the first and third Mohday nights of the first and third Mohday nights of 35 lower for the week; bilk selling the southern group of the southern group to select the first and third Mohday nights of 35 lower for the week; bilk selli lowed to drift along until the pres-Therefore, we issue a warning, if Board of Directors of the Iowa Farmany state organization of the F. E. & ers Union to investigate the insurthe development of their business activities, i. e., the marketing of live stock through the Farmers Union Livestock Commission at Chicago organizing grain elevators, cream and produce stations, and the purchase of flour, feeds, fencing, twine, etc., under the state charter of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of Illinois. It is very regrettable that the Northern group could not have seen fit to have retained the force in national finance, and we poultry under the author-tive of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED that the National Farmers Union at its 23rd Annual Session at Des Moines, Iowa, November 15th and 17, 1927, most respectfully urge Congress at the earliest possible date to amend the Acts of February 3, Industry of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED that the National Farmers Union at its 23rd Annual Session at Des Moines, Iowa, November 15th and 17, 1927, most respectfully urge Congress at the earliest possible date to amend the Acts of February 3, Industry of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED that the National Farmers Union at its 23rd Annual Session at Des Moines, Iowa, November 15th and 17, 1927, most respectfully urge Congress at the earliest possible date to amend the Acts of February 3, Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED that the National Farmers Union at its 23rd Annual Session at Des Moines, Iowa, November 15th and 17, 1927, most respectfully urge Congress at the earliest possible date to amend the Acts of February 3, Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED that the National Farmers Union at its 23rd Annual Session at Des Moines, Iowa, November 15th and 17, 1927, most respectfully urge Congress original name (National Farmers Union) until such time as the two groups could have been amalgamated terferred with the morale of teh administering same." tional charter, and caused some crit-

Owing to some misunderstandings in regard to methods being pursued 976.66. This pictures clearly the rapid in organizing the open territory around St. Paul, a meeting of the National Board was held in St. Paul, March 12, 1927. After due consideration, a resolution was adopted to appoint a committee from the National Board and the business activities contributing to the finances to pay the organization expenses. That committee then placed the active or- of insurance funds invested in farm able report of the Secretary-treasur- the consumer is such as to warrant ganization work in charge of Mr. M. W. Thatcher, A. W. Ricker and C. C. for several years and the farmer has brief way the foundation for an ag-Tabot and the work was pushed forward with a force that put North Dakota over the top with more than 6.000 members, which is bringing a large volume of both grain and livestock to our sales agencies in St. Paul and Duluth and a splendid opening for both the life and property on which date the original policies insurance companies for increased were two years old. The total amount

differences, become united and co-

The intensive organization campaign in North Dakota called for all the workers at the disposal of the committee to such an extent as to in- and to October 30, 1927 terfere with the organizing in Wisconsin which brought about some claims since the company's organizafriction in that state with a small tion, distributed by year as follows: group of organizers and members 1923 which resulted in their taking out incorporation papers for the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of Wisconsin upon their own intia- 1927 to Oct. 30th tive without calling a convention of the members or notifying the nation- \$458.51 on December 31, 1922, to al office. The next step taken was \$41,173.32 on Sept. 30, 1927. to persuade the locals in Eau Claire County to surrender their charters of each year is as follows: whichthey hold from the National of- Dec. 31, 1922 fice of the Farmers Union and re- Dec. 31, 1923 ceive in exchange charters from the Dec. 31, 1924 new organization which caused an Dec. 31, 1925 open rebellion against the National Dec. 31, 1926 organization and the North West

The rupture necessitated a meeting of the National officers at Augus- of 1927. ta, Wisconsin, September 12, at which time a hearing was held with both parties. After due consideration of the grievances the following resolutions were adopted 1, 2, 3, Decision of National Board of Directors of the Farmer's Union

In order not to engender strife and precipitate a situation calculated to greatly retard and hinder the program of the People of Wisconsin in Minnesota

September 13, 1927

(Continued from last week)

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

the self help movement we strongly Illinois

Florida

Frain from entering the State of WisWyoming We have received the secretary-consin for organizing purposes; but Wisconsin . treasurer financial reports monthly the National Board of Directors reand find that his annual financial re- serve the right to regard Wisconsin port corresponds with them. We re- open territory and to enter it for orgret very much to state that none of ganization purposes when expediency where we have no license.

With reference to the situation de-

bers and business to our organiza- tional oBard of Directors refuses to tion as we find that the travelling ex- endorse the action of the incorpora- company.

Sec'y of National Board H. G. Keeney A. E. Cotterill.

any state organization of the F. E. & ers Union to investigate the insurany state organization of the F. E. & ers Union to investigate the insurC. U. of A. does not have a state charter they have not protection from the state, and the national organization of the first the membership of the Farmtion cannot stop others from incorporating the name Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, recommended that steps be taken to organize an insurance of the Market today antive, porating the name Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of the first to develop a system that today, hogs selling lowest in three til today of the week, but was mean every day in the year. What was lot to every consumer of the week, but was mean every day in the year. What was lot to every consumer of the week, but was mean every day in the year. What was lot to every consumer of the week, but was mean every day in the year. What was lot to every consumer of the week, but was mean every day in the year. What was lot to every consumer of the week, but was mean every day in the year. What was lot to every consumer of the week, but was mean every day in the year. What was lot to every consumer.

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force in national finance, and we poultry without question shall be reshould endeavor to take our part of garded as "livestock" under the term; the benefits and accept our part of of these Acts to the end that the poulthe responsibilities of building and try industry of this nation may be

Southern group, which holds a na-Committees reports, but sufficient to Agriculture. show the original intent of the ornational organization recognizes the ganizers. Your Company was five national organization recognizes the years old on the 17th of last month, Southern group as the only legal representatives of the F. E. & C. U. of presentatives of the F. E. & C. U. of figures as evidence of what has been National Union: A. Although we have been unable to settle the differences between

accomplished. The admitted assets at the close of these two factions, it is to be hoped each year were as follows: that they will see the necessity in Dec. 31, 1922 the near future to submerge their Dec. 31, 1923 Dec. 31, 1924 110,564.29 operate together for the good of the 207,254.44 Dec. 31, 1926 . 303.042.17 On Sept. 30, 1927, they were \$391,-

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paid in each year was: \$1.581.75 5,352.30 8,075.91 9,494.62 15,000.00 The surplus fund has grown from

3,014,750 On Oct. 31, 1927, we had \$8,071,750 of insurance in force making a gain of \$1,281,000 for the first ten months

We are admitted to transact business in nine states: Iowa, Missouri Arkansas, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota, and the insurance is distributed as follows:

Kansas Nebraska Arkansas

5,745,250 You will notice that a few policies Dear Sirs:

lowing states: \$290,650 32,000 10.500 3,500

I have quoted briefly from these by the United States Department of

We, your Committee on officers reports, desire to express appreciation of the work of the National President ..\$ 7,254.58 not only in his efforts to protect and 40,036.00 promote the work peculiar to our own organization, but for the special effort that he has made to bring about an understanding between the great farm organizations of the country as indicated in his report to this con-

We have examined the report of the farmer carrying his insurance in a Board of Directors and desire to thank them for the clearness of the It is estimated that 90% of all farm manner in which they have presented of farm products to drop below the

We desire especially to call the atloans has been decreasing steadily er. He has given in this report in a drastic measures to remedy; and pansion of the organization during offer an avenue of relief; the coming year .

their duties.

Fraternally submitted. C. W. BOOTH. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEG-

ISLATION

Muscles Shoals question in which and operate this plant in the interest U. state. 763.000 of all peoples.

3. We earnestly protest against the usurption of authority of the Federal to use greater effort to carry out all ment, and that the property should Land Band board over the affairs of the plans and resolutions adopted at not be sold or leased for operation the Land Bank and demand that the this convention. control of this institution be restored BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to the Farmer's stockholders as the law provides.

come tax rates, especially on the higher income brackets. We believe that an inheritance

the proposed reduction of Federal in-

FARMERS UNION LIVE STOCK

COMMISSION
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 8, 1927.
LIKES OUR WORK Selden, Kansas, Dec. 3, 1927. Farmers Union L. S. Commission,

Kansas City, Mo.;

I am shipping you a load of cattle. have been written by mail in states I have sent my last five loads of stock where we have no license.

On Oct. 30th we had \$340,850.00 invested in mortgage loans in the folton the yards in the last 40 years.

Yours truly, Elry Wyant. STEERS—All well fatted cattle sold fully steady this week, but cattle fed down expenses by holding only two meetings that were absolutely necessary since last convention and feel that states having a small membership should be more considerate when calling for assistance from the national office and have their plans made to hold a series of Booster meetings that will attract new members and business to our organization.

any company ever started.

We have made this creditable showing because thousands of our members have realized not only the value

Stronger. Fail to good lack two consumers of the week, but closing active. Choice heavy cows up to 9.0°, good 7.75 to 8.25, fair 6.25 to 6.75, cutters 5.50, canners 5.00. Killing heifers 25

opposed to the repeal of the Federal Inheritance and gifts tax law. 6. The National Farmers Union in their twenty-third annual session principles of the McNary-Haugen

7. Be It Resolved, that the government immediately take over the Federal Reserve Banking System and operate it and resume full control of he interest and that inflation of the issuance of currency and furnof interest and that inflation and de-flation of currency and credits shall the year around on an electric stove. be absolutely in control of Congress.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS WHEREAS, the manipulation of an alleged surplus has caused the prices

in prices between that received by they once were and the percentage tention of the convention to the very the producer and the amount paid by WHEREAS, thoroughly organized

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED In our judgment, all of the officers that we, the members of F. E. & C.

President, Vice president, SecretaryU. of A. use greater effort to educate treasurer and Board of Directors have producers to the extent that they can been conscientious in the discharge of see the great need of co-operating to secure economic and legislative re-

that we endorse the action of the South Dakota State convention of 1. We are opposed to military training in our high schools and colleges, especially the compulsory part, and we seriously object to the excessive 7,500.00 expenditures for maintenance of state objectives of each organization to the 4,500.00 military and citizens training camps end that a much closer affilliation may be established with Union Labor 2. We approve the stand taken by organizations and thereby double our tion of fertilizer. When the original Senator Norris of Nebraska on the power to secure fairer returns for labor-whether on the farm or in stand Senator Norris contends that other occupations and recommend that two provisions contained in it

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we instruct our National officers

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED provided that in time of peace, the that in the distressing situation of American agriculture the farmer is river at the government dam should 4. We are emphatically opposed to entitled to every measure of relief afentitled to every measure of relief af-fecting his costs, as well as his sell-from the atmosphere for the purpose

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The establishment of common carrier service on our inland waterways and gifts tax is the fairest tax that cannot benefit agriculture or influcan be levied for the reason that no
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where his interest n and gifts tax is the fairest tax that cannot benefit agriculture or influgreat war debt should be reduced as rapidly as possible, and that an inheritance tax materially assists in the reduction without burdening any one. We, therefore, are unalterably capital and equipment necessary to 21,500 great war debt should be reduced as cess to it or must be rejected for lack for the manufacture of fertilizer

Department of Practical Co-Operation

We are changing the policy of this department, beginning the first of the year. The Meeting Notices that have appeared here to fore were 100% locals for 1926. At this time we are showing only those that are 100% for 1927. All 100% locals for 1927 that wish their meeting notice to be published will receive this service free of charge. The charge of th

partment for One Cent per word per week. ALLEN COUNTY FAIRLAWN LOCAL NO. 2158
Meets the second and fourth Monday
of each month. Glen Thompson, Sec. GOLDEN VALLEY LOCAL NO. 2157
Meets the first and third Wednesday
each month. H. V. Adams, Sec.

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LIBERTY LOCAL NO. 2148***
Meets the second and fourth Friday of
the month. Ray Wilson, Sec.
SILVER LEAF LOCAL NO. 2156***
Meets the 2nd, and 4th Wednesday
of each month. Mrs. M. A. Fender, Sec.
DIAMOND LOCAL NO. 2081***
Meets the second and fourth Friday of
each month. Mrs. R. C. Parish, Sec. ALLEN CENTER LOCAL NO. 2155
Meets the first and third Tuesday
each month. 'Irs. Jno. Page, Sec'y.' FAIRVIEW LOCAL NO. 2154****
Meets the first and third Wednesday nights of each month. Mrs. Chas. L. Stewart, Sec'y.

ANDERSON COUNTY
LIZTOWN LOCAL NO. 2064

Meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Mrs. A. W. Williams, Sec.

CHASE COUNTY
COTTONWOOD VALLEY LOCAL NO.
1833****
Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of
each month. L. K. Graham, Sec.

CHEROREE COUNTY
NEUTRAL LOCAL NO. 2108***
Meets the first Tuesday of each mot
C. A. Atkinson, Secretary. OWSLEY LOCAL NO. 2004***

Meets first and third Thursday of each month. Joe Farner, Sec.

FOUR MILE LOCAL NO. 1128****
Meets on the first Tuesday of each month. G. W. Tomlinson, Secy. COFFEY COUNTY
SUNNYSIDE LOCAL NO. 2144****
Meets on the second Wednesday of each
month, Mrs. H. B. Lusk, Sec.

COWLEY COUNTY
BEAVER LOCAL NO. 1558
Meets the first and third Monday nights each month. Mrs. Don Berrie, Sec.

POLITICS AND MUSCLE SHOALS By Senator Geo. W. Norris. (Continued from last week) What Farms Should Be

here twenty-third annual trains should be nossibility of their being able to conter no ver and use it to improve the hereby affirms its confidence in the hereb the farm home of Mr. B. L. Siple, a trogen from the air by the Haber probill, and we pledge our full and hearty Canadian citizen who lives in Ontartry industry of this nation may be still and we produce the fight in behalf of its given protection in its times of need support to the fight in behalf of its at the time I visited him he was allecided to construct a In eith r case, it is the use of governsupport to the light in behalf of the last is acres in his larm, and and so it was decided to construct a passage. We shall not tolerate any at the time I visited him he was milk-nitrate plant somewhat experimental vital changes in the provisions of this ing 17 cows by electricity. He filled Agriculture.

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T'e installation on this farm of this system of electricity had practically saved Mr. Siple the expense of one hired man and it saved his wife the expense of a hired girl. He paid for the entire facilities for the "ear in which I visited him \$115.49. Like the city man, he paid amortization fee and also included in this bill an item which, in thirty years, will pay off the entire capital stock, including construction of transmission

Who is there under our flag that would not like to see this condition applied to the American farmer? If the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED S. 1th were to avail itself of the op-1 or' nities that are within its reach the time would soon be here when every toiler in the fields throughout the South would have the same advantage po: essed by this farmer brother in

Impractical for Nitrate In connection with Muscle Shoals there remains for discussion the ques act providing for the development of Muscle Shoals was passed, there were the government should complete, own similar action be taken in each F. were mandatory. It was provided that all the improvement made at govern-ment expense at Muscle Shoals should forever be operated by the governto private parties. It was likewise of manufacturing fertilizer for agri

Those who are continually harping

CARGY LOCAL NO. 2136****

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. R. E. Tutcher, Sec.
FRANKLIN LOCAL NO 1532.
Meets the first Friday of each month.
Mrs. Frank Topping, Sec.

Meets on the first Monday of each month. F. F. Svoboda, See'y. month. F. F. Svoboda, Secy.
LIBERTY LOCAL NO. 925***

Meets every first and third Monday of each month. Ed Mog. Secy
TRIVOLI LOCAL No. 1001 ***

Meets the first Monday evening in each month. W. H. Fleming. Secy

ELLIS COUNTY
AYS LOCAL NO. 864***
Meets the first Friday in each month, alternating Pleasant Hill at 7:30 in the evening with Hays Court House at 2:00 in the afternoon. Frank B. Pfeifer. Sec'y.

EXCELSIOR LOCAL NO. 806****

Meets the first and third Monday of each month. Joseph L. Weber, Sec.

PLEASANT VALLEY LOCAL NO. 1804

Meets the first and third Monday of each month. Frank Reitmeyer, Sec'y.

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GREEN WOOD COUNTY
NEAL LOCAL No. 1313****

Meets the second and fourth Friday of each month J C. Graves, Sec.
SOUTH VERDIGRIS LOCAL 1498
Meets every second Friday night. H. L.
Soule. sec.

OVE COUNTY
ARK LOCAL NO. 909****
Meets the last Saturday of each month.
Jas. Hein, Sec'y.

PLEASANT VALLEY LOCAL NO. Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month.Wm. T. Flinn, Sec.

JOHNSON COUNTY
SHARON LOCAL NO. 1744

Meets the last Friday evening of each month. Mrs. Gussie K. DeVault, Sec'y.

BUCKEYE LOCAL NO. 2073****
Meets the first Wednesday night each month. Roy EEmmons, Sec.

cess, but they were not certain of it,

learned what the Germans knew and cient.

less and less power was used

which they had greatly improved

during the war, and it was then pos

sible to construct a plant along more

modern lines. From that day to this

scientific men have improved the

Haber process. In every improvement

until at the present time it is definite-

ly known that in the construction of

from the air, water power will not be

used. Instead of locating a nitrate

plant in the vicinity of water power,

any one designing such a plant today

would locate it with a view of getting

cheap coal instead of cheap power.

think of using water power for the

purpose of extracting nitrogen from

the air. In every case coal is used

because it is more profitable to utilize

the by-product of coal "an it is to use

water power for the comparatively

small amount of power that is neces

sary. Private parties in our own coun-

try, using nitrogen for commercial

purposes have, since, the war, con-structed a number of comparatively

large plants for the extraction c? ni-

wav.

RILEY COUNTY
ROCK ISLAND LOCAL NO. 1199****
Meets the first Tuesday evening of the month. Geo. Trumpp, Sec. GRAND VIEW LOCAL NO. 1214****
Meets on Friday night every two weeks, Esther Shorman, Sec. SAND CREEK LOCAL NO. 2040000 D Meets the first and third Friday of each month. A. R. Wilson, Sec.

MARSHALL COUNTY
SUMMIT LOCAL NO. 859***
Meeting second and fourth Wednesday
night each month. Nels Samuelson, Sec.

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Meets the first Wednesday of each month. F. C. Pralle, Sec.
BLUE VALLEY LOCAL NO. 781
Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Chas. Musil, Sec.

MITCHELL COUNTY
PLUM CREEK LOCAL NO. 460
Meets the first Friday of each month
at Plum Creek school house. F. A.

SAND CREEK LOCAL NO. 462****
Meets the second and last Friday of the month. Waiter Lott, Sec. GROVER LOCAL NO. 108.
Meets every other Wednesday night, Anna Bremerman, Sec.

SMITH COUNTY
OAK CREEK NO. 1185****
Meets at Stuart on the second Moneday of each month. H. J. Schwarz,

STAFFORD COUNTY
UNION LOCAL NO. 2019***

Meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. J. W. Batchman, Sec. each month. J. W. Batchman, Sec.
TREGO COUNTY.

VODA LOCAL NO. 742.
Meets the fourth Friday in every
month. Alfred Rensmeyer, Sec.-Treas.
WABAUNSEE COUNTY
FREEMONT LOCAL NO. 2014****
Meets the first and third Friday of the
month. A. W. Eisenmenger, Sec.
month. A. W. Esenmenger, Sec.

WASHINGTON COUNTY
HERYNK LOCAL NO. 1427
Meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. Henry Eden, Sec.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the National Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of known as the Arc process. It requirison, and the importance of it is intion cannot stop others from incorporating the name Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union in the reason that "The third of the particular in the properation of the reason that the potents of the national organization. So far as we are able to learn, the Northern group are going along attending to the development of their business are the development of their business are the farmer."

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It is quite immaterial whether we perts thought that there was a fair take the profit from the sale of wa-possibility of their being able to con-ter no ver and use it to improve the we appropriate the money directly mental funds and is entirely justified. in its nature, known as Nitrate Plant It is not at all inappropriate, since we in the bucket it was automatically the Haber process, and so that plant, for the manufacture of fertilizer; a private party would do-that is, build a plant that is the most mod tem that is already outlawed and When the war ended scientists soon known to be out of date and ineffi-

> Expensive to Ship One of the difficulties with fertilizer is that more than 80 per cent of the cortents is simply dirt, used as a mixer, and, therefore, the freight is one of the big items in the cost. This means that you could not ship fertilizer produced at Muscle Shoals, even if you eliminated the cost entirely. inup-to-date plants to extract nitrogen to Missouri, or Nebraska, and sell it at a reasonable price. The freight alone would make it prohibitive. If, by improving the manufacture of fertiliser. we can do away with the mix-ture of worthless material, and use the fertilizer in a concentrated form, ernment or private corporation would much of this objection would disap-

pear. There are many other lines be-

sides the reduction of the cost of the

nitrate content of fertilizer in which

the government could well experiment

with a view of cheapening the pro-

None of those who voted against turning Dam No. 2 over to the Power Trust has ever objected to the widest and most liberal program devised to improve and cheapen the cost of fertilizer. In fact, those of us who have large plants for the extraction c ni-trogen from the atmosphere, and in of the farmer and have tried, so far in vain, to divide this question into its

farmer's vote and cries aloud that this will realize where his interest lies, and

to case are they using water power. Why, therefore, is it that the counelemental parts and clear it of the dehas been faced with this wonderful propaganda to deceive the farmers of America by asking them to insist that the Congress shall use Dam No. 2 to get nitrogen from the air?
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The America with this wonders and the misunders and the that many honest people have with reference to it. The delay in experimentation and the cheapening of fertilizer production can be charged directly to those who have foolishly and articles and articles and articles and the misunders and the many honest people have with reference to it. The delay in experimentation and the cheapening of fertile and the misunders and the cheapening of fertile and the misunders and the misunders and the cheapening of fertile and the misunders and the misunders and the cheapening of fertile and the misunders and the misund ception and the misunderstanding Plant No. 2 and get 40,000 tons of and stubbornly stood in the way of a nitrates from the atmosphere every program resttlement of this Muscle year, but it will be at a lost that, if Shoals question. The special interests put into fertilizer, will make it impossible to sell the fertilizer, will make it impossible to sell the fertilizer, will make it impossible to sell the fertilizer as cheaply as it can be bought today upon the market.

Shoals question. The special interests have been engaged from the very beginning in an untruthful and unfair propaganda to deceive and to fool the American farmer, when, as a matter of fact, they, themselves, constitute There have been two classes that the principal barrier between agriculhave been instrumental in bringing ture and cheap fertilizer. about this propaganda. One is the political demagogue who wants the distant when the American farmer